



The Holland Landing Highlights

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From the Office

GSA at HLPS

We are happy to share with families that Holland Landing PS has a student-initiated Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA). A GSA is a student-run and teacher-supported school-based club that works to create welcoming, caring, respectful and safe spaces for students of diverse genders and sexual orientations (2SLGBTQ+) and their allies in schools. Essentially, GSAs are designed to provide a safe space that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging. Some members of a GSA may be sexual and gender minority students, while others may have sexual and gender minority friends or family and want to become supportive allies.



Currently, our GSA is a group of grade 6, 7, 8 students who meet once a week to do fun activities, socialize and support one another in a way that is inclusive of diverse sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, and many other interests. The GSA is student-directed, and will serve a variety of functions - social, support, education, and advocacy.

Why GSAs are important

Unfortunately, many 2SLGBTQ+ youth live in fear of being rejected by their family and peers and are afraid of homophobic and transphobic bullying. Many 2SLGBTQ+ youth become isolated and believe that they have to hide their sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression from the world.

Research tells us that 2SLGBTQ+ students are more likely to feel safe in schools with GSAs because they provide a place to create a sense of belonging. When students feel valued and accepted for who they are, it positively impacts their both learning, and social emotional well-being.

For more information, or for resources to help support conversations at home, click on the linked resources below:

EGALE Canada

EGALE Canada has created the website www.mygsa.ca which is Canada's national LGBTQ-inclusive and safer schools website and provides resources for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, questioning (LGBTQ), and allied youth, parents, and educators.

- [What to do When Your Child Comes Out to You](#)
- [Tips on How to Practice 2SLGBTQ+ Allyship](#)

Gender Creative Kids

This website provides resources for supporting and affirming gender creative kids within their families, schools and

communities.

Welcoming Schools

Welcoming Schools offers tools, lessons and resources on embracing family diversity, avoiding gender stereotyping and ending bullying and name-calling in elementary schools. It offers a 2SLGBTQ+ inclusive approach that is also inclusive of the many types of diversity found in our communities.

Local Community Organizations:

Rainbow Space

Building Safer, Inclusive Social & Recreational Spaces for the 2SLGBTQ+ Community in York Region.

Pflag York Region

Pflag is York Region's 2SLGBTQ+ support, resource and education network – bringing together all members of the community.

Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Trans Youth Line

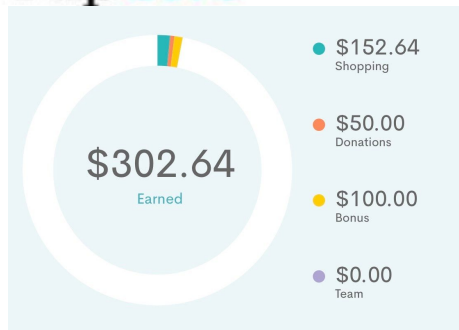
This Ontario-wide peer-support phone line provides students with access to anonymous and confidential counseling. 1-800-268-YOUTH.

School Council

HLPS School Council - Fundraising Initiatives

Thank you to each of our HLPS students, families and community members for all of your support. We will share updates from our Scholastic and Mom's Pantry fundraisers next week! If you have any questions regarding these fundraisers please feel free to contact Zalema Mavor at Holland.landing.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca

FlipGive



Thanks for joining our FlipGive Team!

We're on our way, with new members joining each week!

- Download the FlipGive App or visit www.flipgive.com/join to sign up
- When asked to "join existing team", enter our unique team code: **YF9WHZ**
- Have fun shopping!

Not sure how you to use FlipGive? Check out this video for a quick "How to": <https://youtu.be/LBTolFFtus>



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MOM'S PANTRY

Canada's Food Fundraiser

Just a few days left to [order!](#)

The sale will close on **December 13, 2020.**

Reach Out!

If you have a question for our School Council, or any items you would like to be brought to our attention, please email our Chair - Zalema Mavor holland.landing.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca

Looking Ahead

Spirit Week

Monday December 14	Tuesday December 15	Wednesday December 16	Thursday December 17	Friday December 18
<p>Fun Sock Day</p> 	<p>Holiday Sweater Day Wear your favourite holiday sweaters/shirts.</p> 	<p>Wacky Hair Day Come with a different hair style</p> 	<p>Holiday Character Day Dress as your favourite holiday character</p>  <p><small>designed by freepik.com</small></p>	<p>PJ Day Wear your warm and fuzzy pajamas</p> 

December...	17 - Hurricane of the Month Assembly
January...	4 - Welcome Back! 15 - PA Day

